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Applicant: Paul Meredith et al.

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2009, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.